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# Astrophysical neutrinos from AGN coronae

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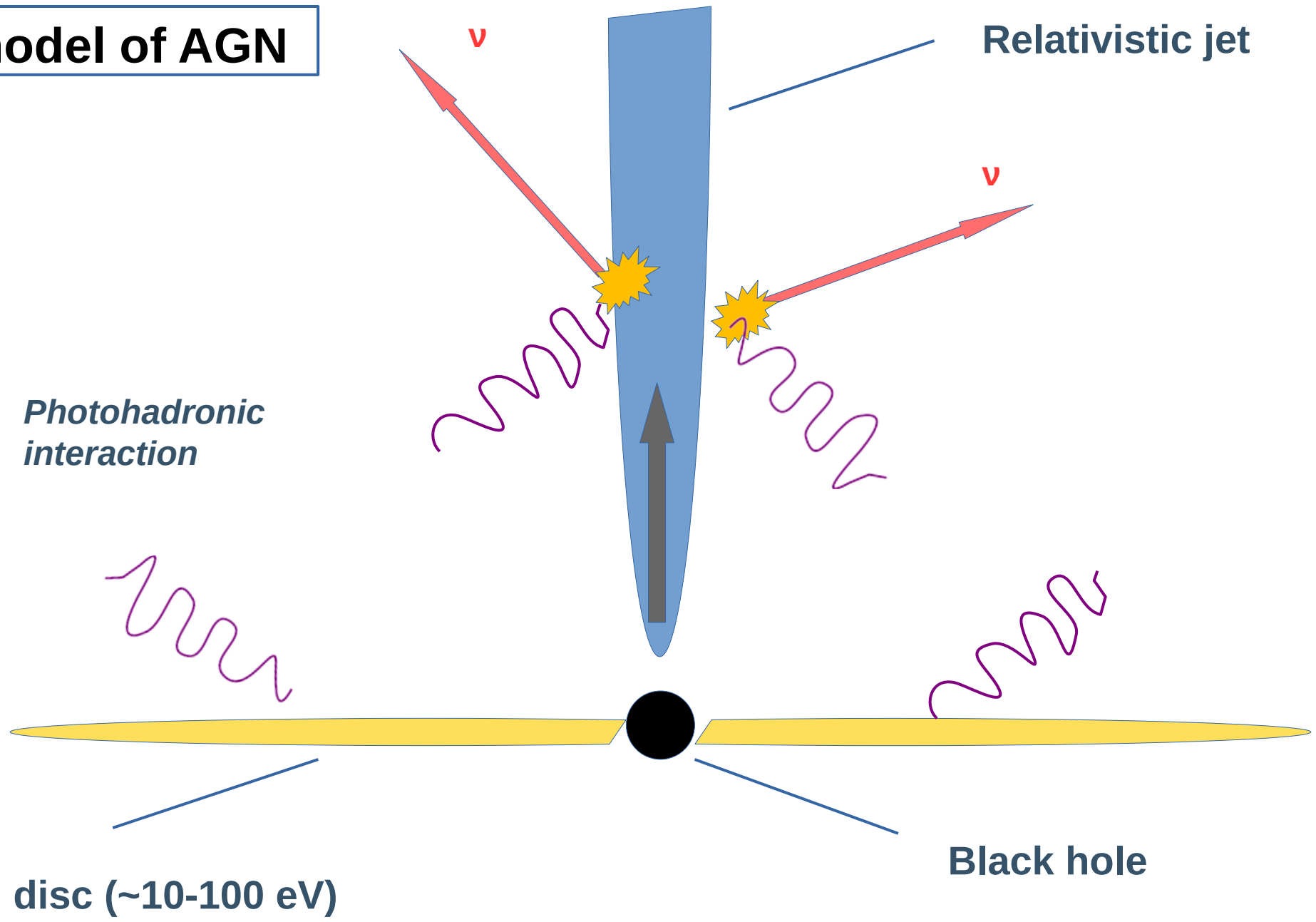
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# Simple model of AGN

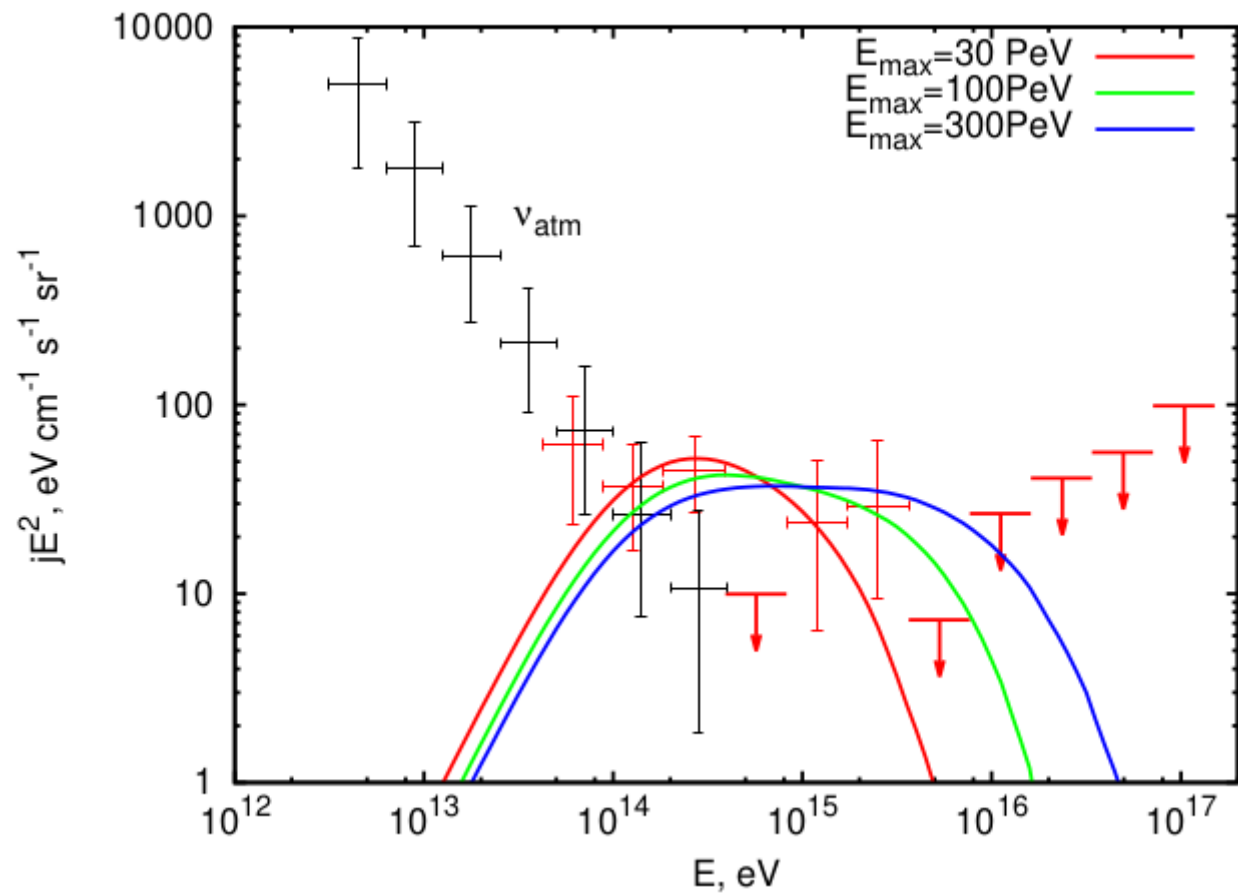
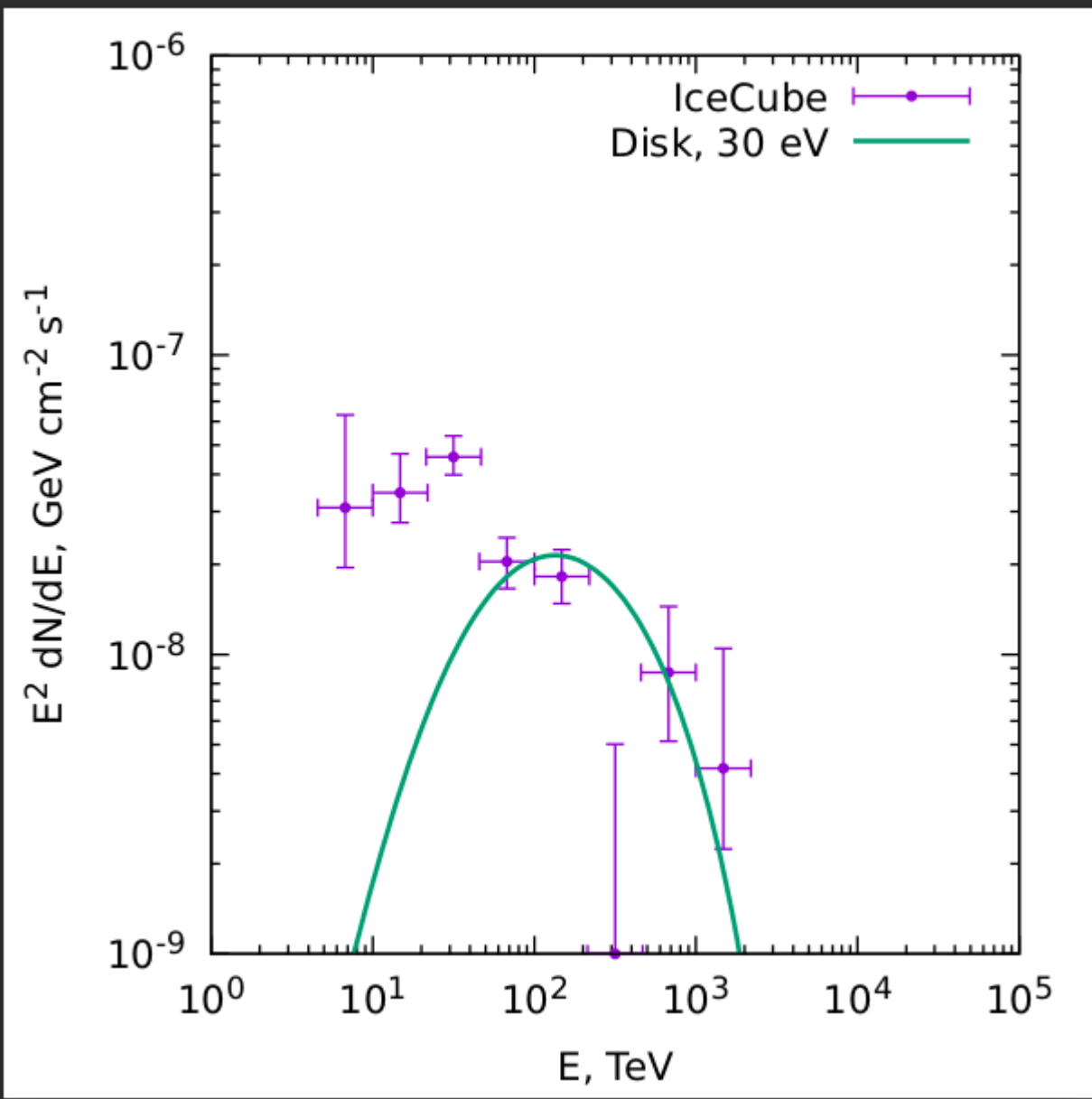


Relativistic jet

*Photohadronic interaction*

Accretion disc (~10-100 eV)

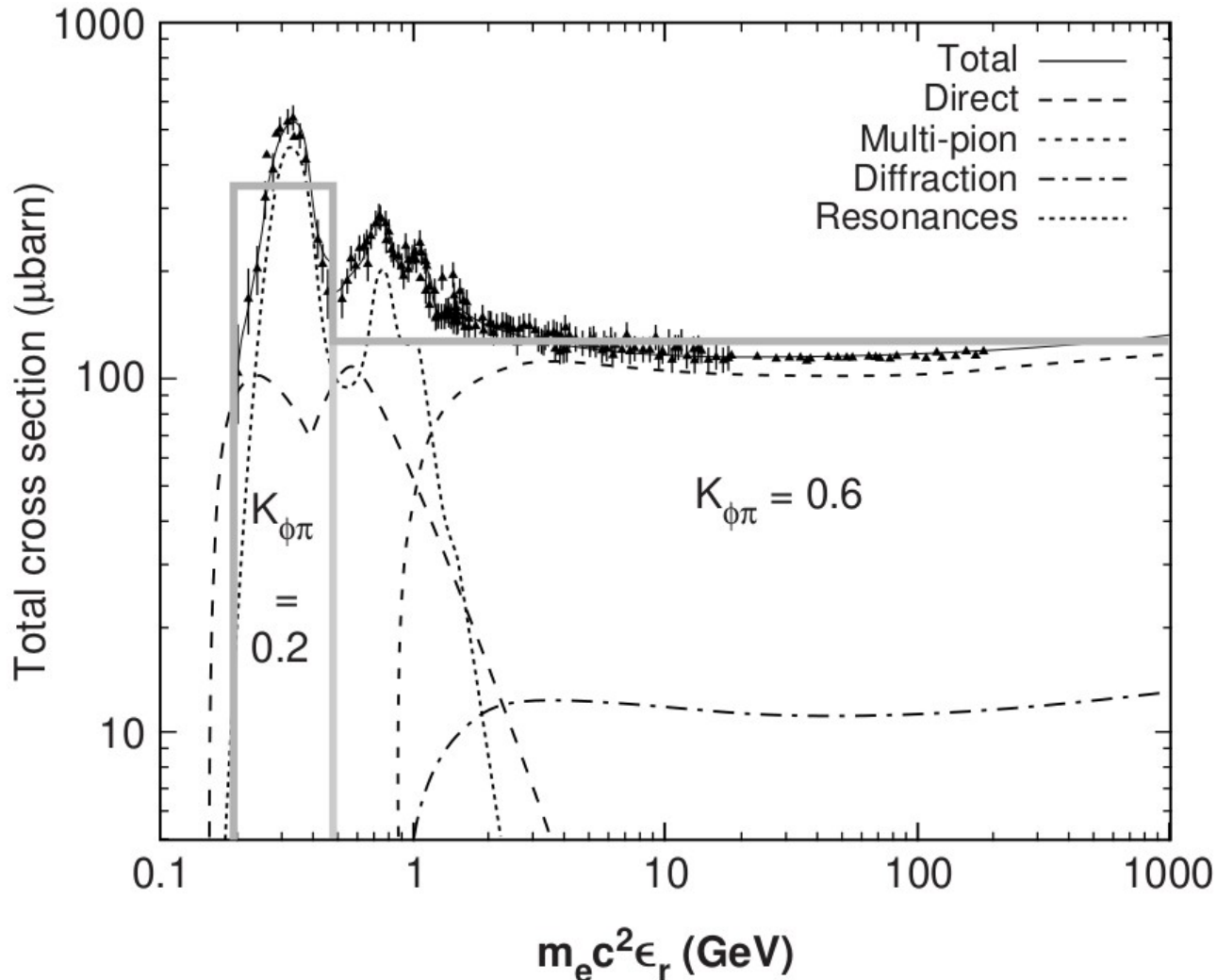
Black hole



Kalashov, O., Semikoz, D., & Tkachev  
2014 yr.

Reason: Energy threshold of photohadronic interactions.

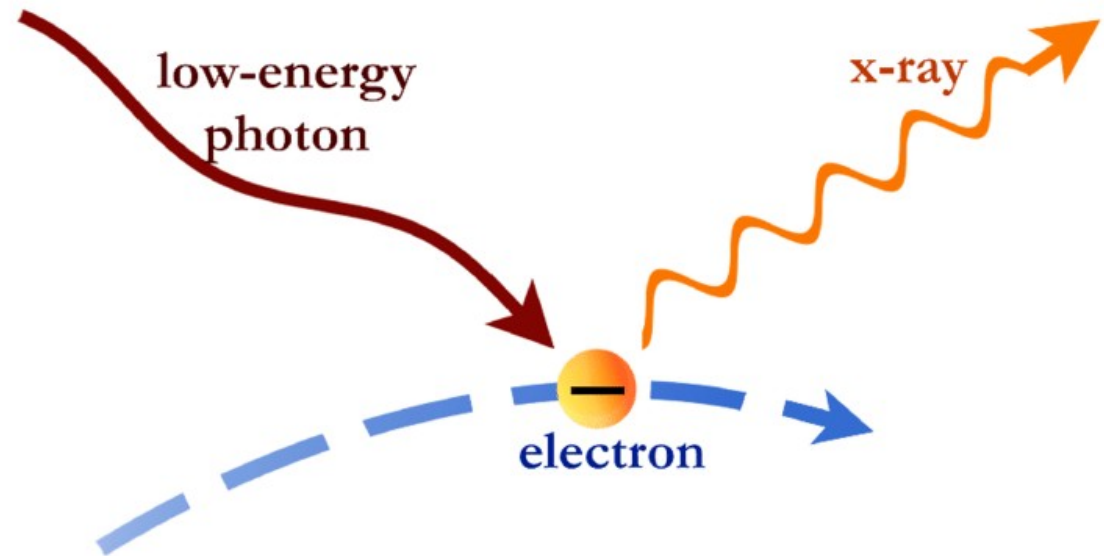
As the proton moves through the jet, its energy decreases. And at some point, the energy of the photons emitted from the disk is not enough to overcome the reaction threshold.



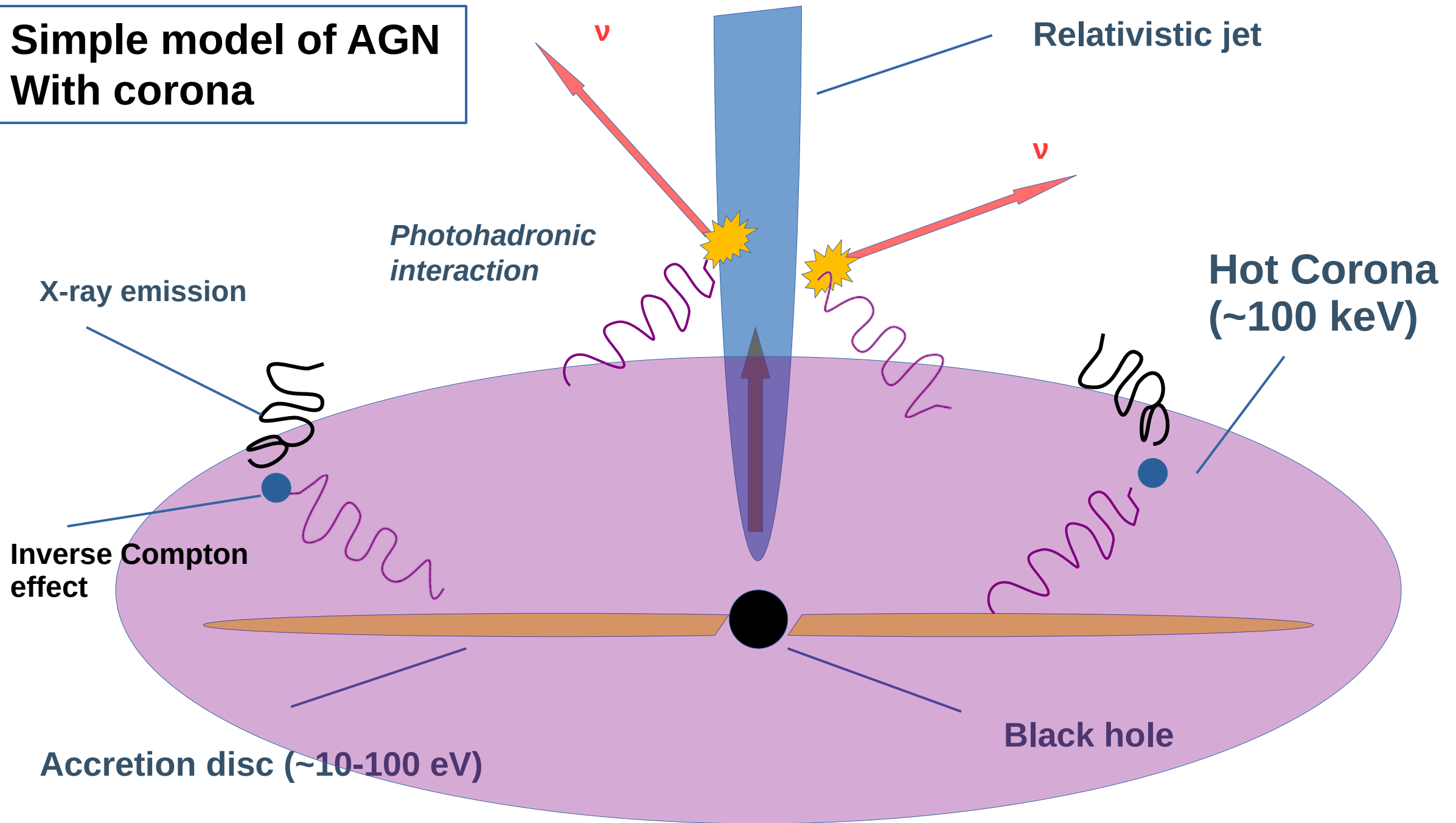
It's the main reason of "low-energy" ( $\sim 100$  TeV) cut-off

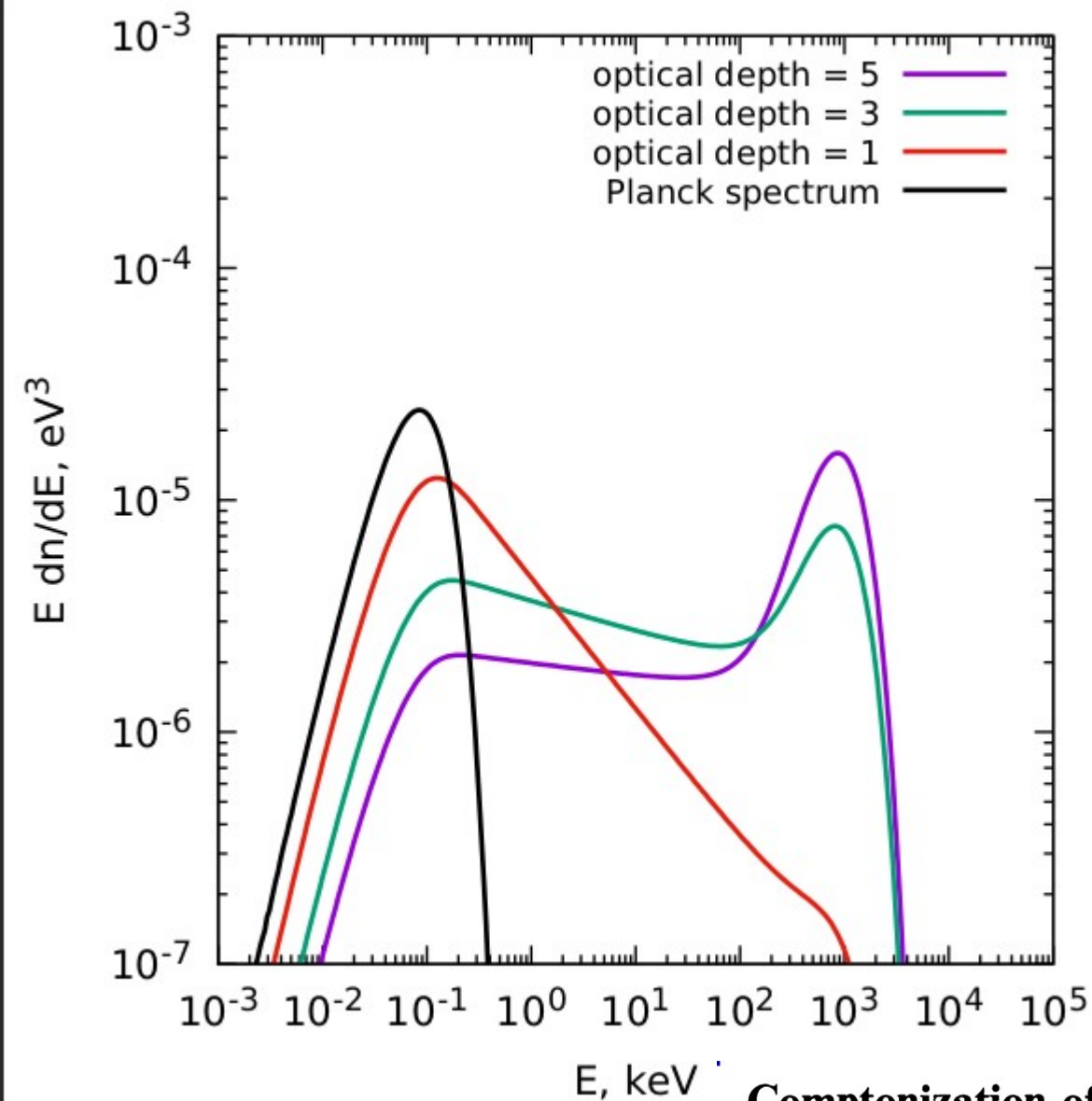
Therefore, it is necessary to add a pinch of high-energy photons, which could continue to further reduce the energy of protons and produce neutrinos of lower energies

The main idea: add electron plasma which can produce x rays photons via Compton effect



# Simple model of AGN With corona





The final spectrum after escaping electron plasma cloud can be calculated:

$$F_{\nu}(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x_0} G(x, x_0) f(x_0) dx_0$$

R.A. Sunyaev and L.G. Titarchuk, 1980

### Comptonization of X-rays in Plasma Clouds. Typical Radiation Spectra

R. A. Sunyaev and L. G. Titarchuk

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## Reaction rate

$$R = \int d^3p \ n(p)\sigma(\omega)(1 - \cos \theta)$$

Contribution of corona segment  $rdr$  to photon density at point  $z$  along a jet

$$n(\vec{p}) = \frac{\delta(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_0)rdr}{r^2 + z^2}n_c(p)$$

## Corresponding reaction rate

$$R(z, r, E) = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{r^2 + z^2} \int d^3p \ n_c(p)\sigma(\omega)$$

## Reaction rate at point z from corona along jet

Technical details

$$R(z, E) = \int r dr \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{r^2 + z^2} \int d^3 p \ n_c(p) \sigma(\omega)$$

## Sampling of proton optical depth and calculation of next interaction point

$$\tau_i = -\ln \xi \qquad \tau_i = \int_{z_i}^{z_{i+1}} dz R(z, E)$$

Also photon momentum and interaction angle are sampled

# SOPHIA

Monte-Carlo simulations of photohadronic processes in astrophysics

A. Mücke<sup>1</sup>, Ralph Engel<sup>2</sup>, J.P. Rachen<sup>3,4</sup>,  
R.J. Protheroe<sup>1</sup> and Todor Stanev<sup>2</sup>

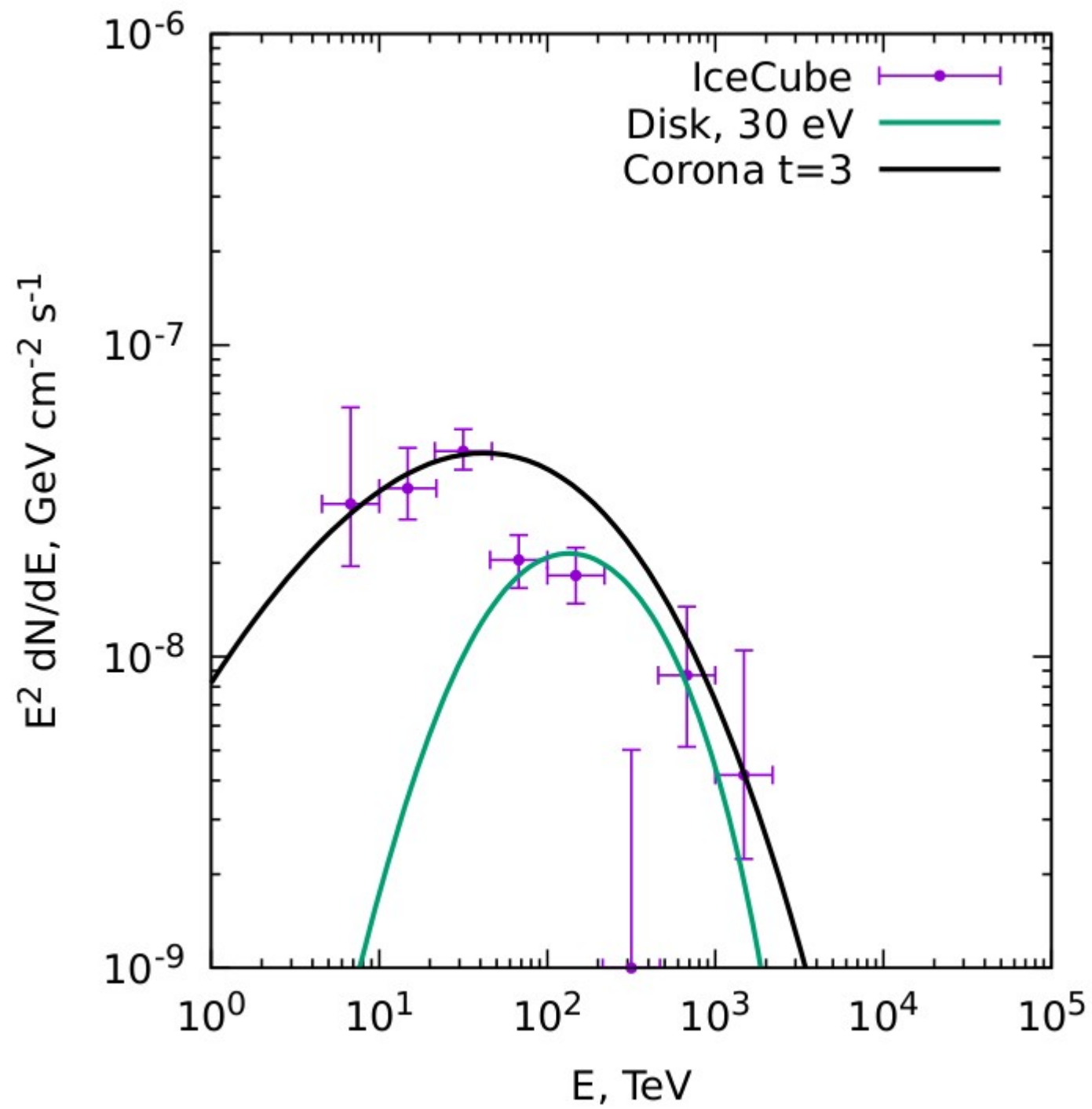
The SOPHIA code is used to model reactions between a high energy nucleon (or antinucleon) and a photon

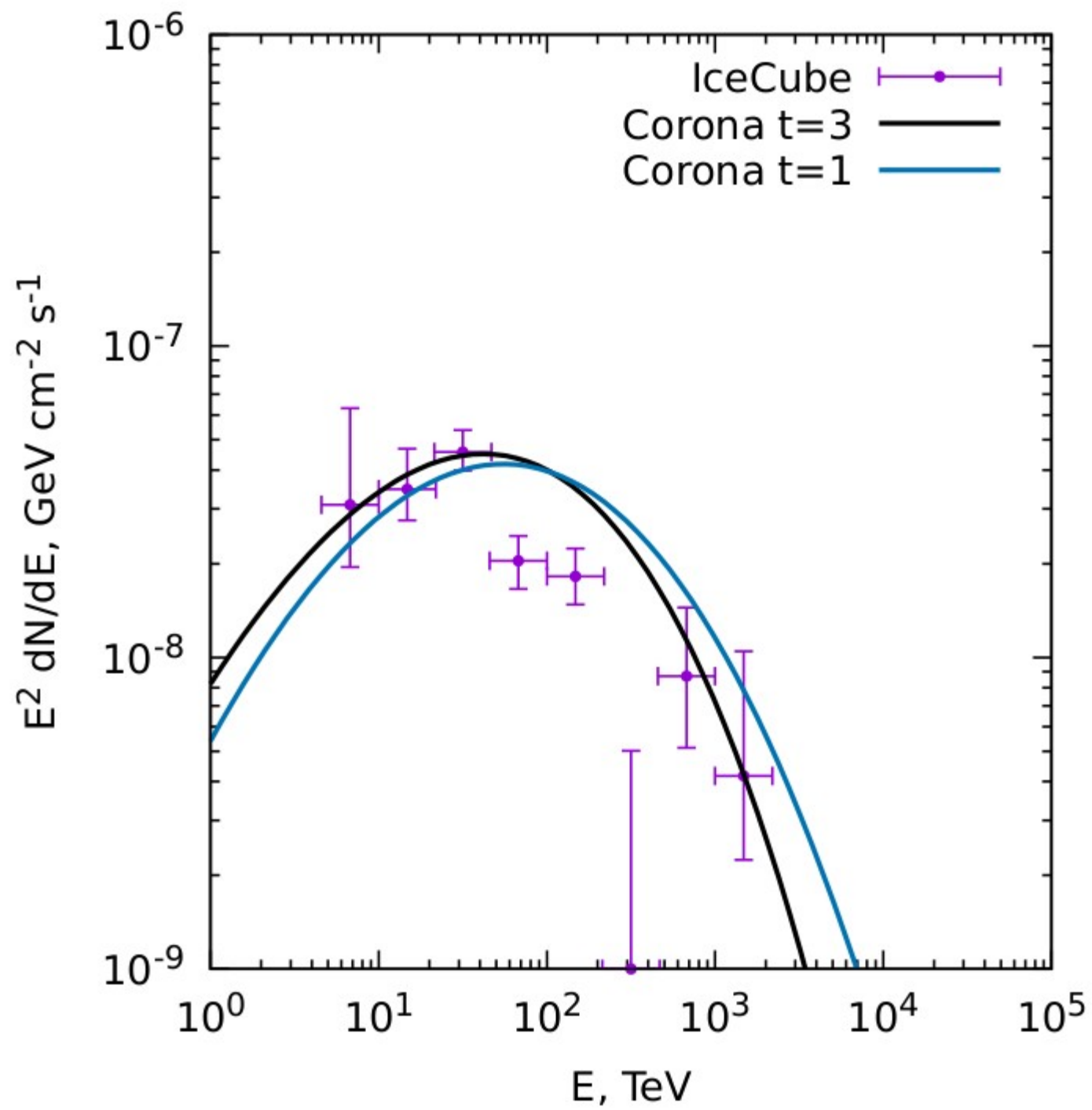
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The typical products after one interaction between a 100PeV proton and a photon from the corona





## Conclusions

- 1) The Monte Carlo approach was used for the first time to calculate the neutrino spectrum from the corona
- 2) It has been shown that the spectrum of the corona is capable of describing the spectrum of IceCube in the “low energy range” (1-100 TeV) and “high energy” tail ( $10^3$ - $10^4$  TeV)

## Further calculations

- 1) Explore the spectrum for different geometries of the corona
- 2) Electron plasma temperature dependence
- 3) Model dependence on electron distribution

**Thank for your attention!**

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